

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Toru SHIMADOI, et al.**

Filed : **Concurrently herewith**

For : **OFFICE RECOGNITION METHOD IN...**

Serial No. : **Concurrently herewith**

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to the issuance of an Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 27, line 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

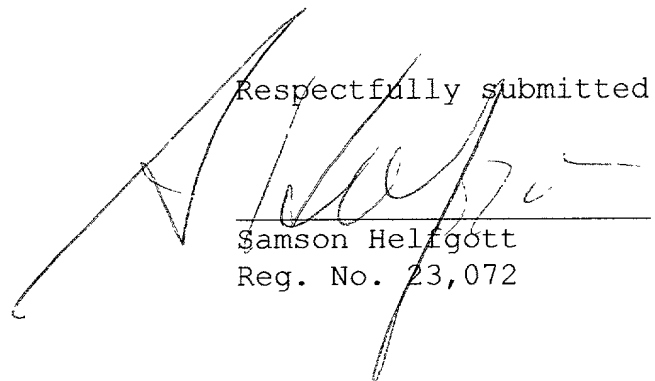
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**REMARKS**

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

  
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